Regional Office of Ministry at Chennai

339. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an office of the Ministry has been opened recently at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the functions of the office and its jurisdiction;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more regional offices in the State to cater to the needs of the industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No new office of the Ministry has been opened at Chennai. However, a new building has been provided for the existing offices of the Official Liquidator attached to the High Court of Tamil Nadu at Channai and the Company Law Board (Southern Region) Bench at Chennai which have been shifted to the new premises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amendment to Companies Act

340. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government is taking to amend the Companies Act in a comprehensive way, as Corporate governance has received focused attention in the recent years world over and many countries have amended their company laws to keep pace with the changed world;

(b) how many Company Identification Number (CIN) and Director Identification Number (DIN) obtained in the country, State-wise;

(c) how many documents have been filed by companies online; and

(d) how many companies online in the country, State-wise, after the Ministry by amending the Companies Act in 2006 introduced CIN, DIN, online filing and online registration of companies?

The MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The Government has carried out a comprehensive review of the Companies Act, 1956 and has prepared the Companies Bill, 2008. A notice has already been given for introduction of the Bill in the second part of fourteenth session of fourteenth Lok Sabha 2008.

(b) and (d) The information is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) 40,71,971 documents have been filed by companies online.